On Wednesday 24th October 2018, the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, at around 6.30am fifteen people from TRIDENT PLOUGHSHARES blockaded all three approaches to AWE Burghfield Nuclear Bomb Factory near Reading. They locked themselves to cars or lay on the ground joining their arms together in "lock-on" tubes. Traffic was completely paralysed until midday and the last protester wasn’t cut free until around 5pm, disrupting the site for almost eleven hours. Nine people were arrested and charged. In July 2019, half of them walked free from the court when it was proved they had been incorrectly charged.
It's a nuclear bomb factory - what could possibly go wrong?

AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment) with 4,500 staff is split between two sites. Aldermaston is a vast 750 acre site 8 miles [13 km] South east of Newbury. Known for the "Aldermaston Marches" it's been blocked several times but multiple gates make full closures difficult.

Burghfield is a smaller 225 acre site 1 mile [1.5 km] south of the M4 near Reading Services. The eastern gateway "Pingewood Gate" is designed for the convoys transporting the warheads to Scotland. With only three approaches Burghfield has been successfully blocked in 2014 and again in 2018.

Gravel Gerties - these are underground workshops surrounded by lightning conductors where the nuclear warheads are constructed. The gravel mounds would reduce an explosion or radioactive dispersal by only a factor of ten, built in the 1950s they are now literally worn out!

Safety - There are local cancer clusters, Wikipedia lists numerous fire problems at Aldermaston and the Burghfield site is prone to flooding. In 2013 police were dismissed or resigned over security lapses. Both sites have been in "H&S special measures" for several years and are even threatened with closure. In 2018 AWE was fined a million pounds for Health & Safety problems. Burghfield is only 4 miles [6 km] from Reading town centre and just 2 miles [3 km] from the 24,000 seater Madejski Stadium.

Convoys - unmarked vehicles including fire engine, decontamination unit, armed guards, support vehicles, plus 2 - 4 distinctive dark green 44 tonne seven-axle trucks containing the nuclear warheads. They travel from Burghfield to Scotland about eight times a year. They are tracked by Nukewatch, often stopped by protesters, and have crashed in bad weather. The recent report "Unready Scotland" shows the unacceptable risks of these convoys on our roads.

Read more at Tridentploughshares.org and Nukewatch.org.uk

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How to Close Down a Nuclear Bomb Factory!

**Trident Ploughshares TP - Beating Swords into Ploughshares**

Inspired by the women's disarmament action of a Hawk fighter jet in 1996, Trident Ploughshares TP was launched in 1998 to carry out accountable non-violent direct actions against the UK Trident nuclear weapons system.

TP has protested at many companies and facilities involved in the "nuclear chain" as well as related issues such as the 2017 DESI Arms Fair.

TP was awarded the Right Livelihood Award widely acknowledged as the "Alternative Nobel Prize".

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4 British Vanguard submarines based in Scotland a least one on port at all times

Each submarine has 8 American Trident missiles

Each missile has 8 x 5 British warheads

Each warhead weighs 800 kg - in total 800 x 8 = 6400 kg = 6.4 metric tons

Red: production and transplant in the UK is legal Taking Trident is illegal under international law - it's immoral and could even kill the entire planet.

E: replacement will cost £200 billion

Production of Trident in the UK is taking place. Disposable Trident is illegal under international law - it is immoral and could even kill the entire planet.

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